

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY REPORT

This summary sheet is for completion by the Chair of any committee/group to accompany the minutes required by a trust level committee.

Name of Committee/Group:	Charities Committee	
Report From:	Jeremy Vanes (Chair)	
Date:	20.12.12	
Action Required by receiving committee/group:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Information <input type="checkbox"/> Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Aims of Committee: Bullet point aims of the reporting committee (from Terms of Reference)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To offer strategic direction and guidance to ensure that The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals Charity has all the hallmarks of an effective Charity, as set out in the standards issued by the Charity Commission. ▪ To ensure the management and administration of the Charity, in accordance with the Charity's purposes, as set out in its Governing Documents 	
Drivers: Are there any links with Care Quality Commission/Health & Safety/NHSLA/Trust Policy/Patient Experience etc.	Not directly, but a proportion of the charitable funds is used for things which will enhance patient experience.	
Main Discussion/Action Points: Bullet point the main areas of discussion held at the committee/group meeting which need to be highlighted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fundraising strategy: the Fundraiser appointed in early 2012 has competently established a higher profile for the charity within and outside the main hospital, albeit without there being a fully developed fundraising strategy yet finalised. Relationships with outlets and bodies that trade and donate to the hospital have been placed on a sounder footing than previously. Strong suggestions are coming into focus about the scope, targets and methods around which a coherent initial fundraising strategy could be created. For example, is a sky dive jump a suitably attractive venture? There needs to be discussion on main targets for appeals. Expiry of a linear accelerator, purchased with national charitable funds, was raised as a capital need of potential relevance, but the Trust Board needs to set its definition of the role of the charity in relation to main NHS funds and uses. Further work on the strategy will be followed by its presentation to the Trust Board for decisions. ▪ Funds issues: investment yield on managed funds has recently been generally favourable. Expenditure of funds is 	

	<p>progressing within normal patterns and income – although lower than prior to the economic downturn – is adequate to sustain giving at the established levels. However, a far stronger level of clarity and engagement has been pioneered in 2012, between those working on the charity’s giving and the departments using the funds. This is rewarding for both parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Other: there are no immediate issues for the Trust Board’s attention. The relevant accounts and statutory filing obligations are up to date, and full compliance is anticipated.
<p>Risks Identified:</p> <p>Include Risk Grade (categorisation matrix/Datix number)</p>	<p>The Committee has had regard to any risks identified in respect of these matters.</p>